

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

16. (Original) A pallet kit formed of a number of individual support members that are engageable with one another to form a support pallet, the kit comprising:

a plurality of individual pallet support members that are arranged in an interlocking manner to form the support pallet, wherein each pallet support member has one or more interlocking features that permit each pallet support member to mate with one or more other pallet support member in an interlocking manner, the pallet support members being mated together by orientating the pallet support members in a grid-like pattern with the features aligned and then two pallet support members are interlocked with respect to one another by inserting one pallet support member into features of another pallet support member such that the two pallet support members are effectively interlocked with respect to one another, wherein each end of the support members includes a first locking feature; and

a locking member that is configured to mate with the first locking features so as to result in the locking member being disposed around a border of the pallet for enclosing sides of the pallet, the locking member having a second locking feature and a complementary receiving feature that mates therewith for securely attach the locking member around the pallet.

one or more first interlocking features that permit each pallet support member to mate with one or more other pallet support member in an interlocking manner, the pallet support members being mated together by orientating the pallet support members in a grid-like pattern with the first interlocking features aligned and then two pallet support members are interlocked with respect to one another by inserting one pallet support member into features of another pallet support member such that the two pallet support members are effectively interlocked with respect to one another, wherein at least one pallet support member includes a second interlocking feature formed in an end thereof; and

at least one pallet connector that is configured to be received in the second interlocking feature for coupling one pallet to another pallet in an interlocking manner.

22. (New) The pallet kit of claim 21, wherein each pallet support member is in the form of an elongated beam that has a plurality of notches formed in one face thereof at spaced intervals, each notch representing an interface point between one upper pallet support member and one lower pallet support member.

23. (New) The pallet kit of claim 21, wherein the second interlocking feature is formed in a plane that is at a right angle to a plane of each of the first interlocking features.

24. (New) The pallet kit of claim 22, wherein each pallet support member has a pair of second interlocking features formed at ends thereof.

members being mated together by orientating the pallet support members in a grid-like pattern with the features aligned and then two pallet support members are interlocked with respect to one another by inserting one pallet support member into features of another pallet support member such that the two pallet support members are effectively interlocked with respect to one another; and

a foldable locking member that is configured to be disposed around a border of the pallet for enclosing sides of the pallet, the locking member having a locking feature that permits it to be secured around the border of the pallet, the locking member having fold lines that permit the locking member to be folded into a member have reduced dimensions to permit easy storage thereof.

35. (New) The pallet kit of claim 34, wherein each end of the support members includes a first locking feature and the locking feature of the locking member includes a complementary receiving feature that mates with the first locking feature for securely attaching the locking member around the pallet border.

36. (New) The pallet kit of claim 35, wherein the first locking feature is a shaped protrusion associated with the pallet support member and the receiving feature comprises a complementary slot for receiving the shaped protrusion.